# EXHIBIT "A"

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Richard Wilkowski and Jersey Hookers Charters, LLC Plaintiffs

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ACE American Insurance Company,
John Does and Jane Does,
( fictitious appellations)

Defendants.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
OCEAN COUNTY: LAW DIVISION
Docket No.

Civil Action COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs Richard Wilkowski and Jersey Hookers Charters, LLC, located at 405 Midstreams Road, in the Township of Brick, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey 08724 by way of complaint says:

# FIRST COUNT [First Party Coverage]

- Richard Wilkowski is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Ocean County New Jersey.
- Jersey Hooker Charters LLC is an entity of the State of New Jersey in good standing.
- Ace American Insurance Company is an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.
- 4. On or before September 32 2012 Ace American Insurance Company issued policy number YKK Y08547518. The named insured under this policy is Richard H. Wilkowski and Jersey Hooker Charters, LLC. The vessel covered by this policy is

- a 1989, '43, Egg Harbor, Golden Egg Sedan, EGH431488999 more commonly known as the m/v "Jersey Hooker".
- Policy YKKY08547519 is a renewal one year policy effective 12:01 a.m. 9/30/2012.
- 6. Policy YKK08547519 has been continually in effect and not canceled from 12:01 a.m. 9/30/2012 through the present.
- Jersey Hooker Charters, LLC owns the Jersey Hooker which is the vessel covered by Policy # YKKY08547519.
- 8. Richard H. Wilkowski owns Jersey Hooker Charters, LLC.
- The "Jersey Hooker" vessel is routinely birthed at a Marina known as Canyon River Club adjacent to Channel Drive, Point Pleasant, Ocean County, New Jersey.
- 10. On or after October 31, 2012, a weather event more commonly known as "Hurricaine Sandy" or "Super Storm Sandy" intercepted Point Pleasant, Ocean County, New Jersey causing catastrophic damage to the region.
- 11. The insured vessel Jersey Hooker was damaged as a direct result of "Super Storm Sandy".
- Plaintiffs have made a due and proper claim of defendant in accordance with the said policy of insurance.
- Defendant has not paid the claim in full.
- 14. There remains due and owing plaintiffs in excess of \$15,000.00 and defendant has refused to pay following proper demand for payment. In addition defendant

has refused to cover the cost of repairing and replacing damaged and destroyed litems that, in accordance with the said policy of insurance, are covered.

**WHEREFORE**, Wherefore plaintiffs seek judgment on the First Count of this complaint against defendant:

- In the amount of not less than \$15,000.00 in accordance with plaintiffs' proofs;
- B) Costs of this suit;
- Attorneys fees in connection with this suit;
- Compensatory damages, and,
- For any other damages costs and fees in any court of competent jurisdiction may deem legal equitable and just.

#### SECOND COUNT

## [Breach of Duty of Good Faith]

- Plaintiffs repeat, relterate and reallege all of the allegations of the First Count of this complaint as if set forth at length herein.
- There exists as a matter of law in the state of New Jersey a duty of good faith that insurance company authorized to do business in the state of New Jersey pay a claim promptly and in full.
- Defendant has breached defendant's duty of good faith to plaintiffs by refusing to pay plaintiff's claim in full and by refusing to cover items that should have been covered by other helinous and wholly inappropriate actions.
- 4. Plaintiffs allege that defendant is in violation of the unfair methods of competition and unfair deceptive practices. (N.J.S.A. 17:20-9B-1). Plaintiffs recognize that thus far case law has not allowed this statute to create a private

right of action, nevertheless, plaintiffs assert that this statute should create a private right of action as "Super Storm Sandy" claims.

**WHEREFORE** plaintiffs seek judgment on the Second Count of this complaint against defendant:

As previously requested in all previous counts of this complaint;

- A) For punitive damages,
- B) Compensatory damages,
- consequential damages,
- D) costs,
- E) fees and,
- F) Such other relief in any court of competent jurisdiction may deem legal equitable and just.

#### THIRD COUNT

## [Consumer Fraud and Other Statutory Relief]

- Plaintiffs repeat and re allege each and every paragraph assertion claim for relief in all previous counts of this complaint as if set forth herein at that at length.
- Defendant's conduct in refusing to cover losses unequivocally covered by Policy YKKY08547519 constitutes a "bait and switch" in violation of Federal and State Consumer Fraud Statutes and Regulations and other statutes protecting citizens residence and entities of the State of New Jersey including plaintiffs.
- 3. Defendant's conduct in refusing to pay for all losses and claims in an attempt to "leverage settlement" is despicable conduct in violation of the Consumer Fraud Statutes and other statutes protecting citizens residents and entities of the state of New Jersey including plaintiffs.

4. Defendant's conduct in attempting to declare plaintiff's vessel non-seaworthy following repair and remediation and therefore uninsurable was an attempt to "leverage settlement", despicable conduct and a violation of the consumer fraud statutes and other statutes protecting citizens residents and entities of the state of New Jersey including plaintiffs.

Wherefore plaintiffs seek judgment on the Third Count of this complaint against defendant:

- as previously requested in all previous counts of this complaint,
- For punitive damages,
- C) compensatory damages,
- D) consequential damages,
- E) costs,
- F) fees and,
- Such other relief in any court of competent jurisdiction may deem legal equitable and just.

### FOURTH COUNT

# [Unconscionable Business Practices, Retaliation]

- Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every paragraph assertion claim for relief in all previous counts of this complaint as if set forth herein at that at length.
- Plaintiffs allege that defendant directly and through contact with other John and Jane Doe defendants (fictitious appellations) and entities and conspired and retallated against plaintiffs when plaintiffs elected to have the vessel in question repaired at an out-of-state boat yard and when plaintiffs refused assent to defendant's demands. Said retallation including, among other things, refusal to

pay the claim in full on items that were previously marked "TBD"[to be determined at a later date] refusal to pay for covered items and declaring plaintiffs vessel non-seaworthy following repair and remediation and therefore uninsurable in an attempt to "leverage settlement" this being the unconscionable business practice of retaliation by an insurance company.

Wherefore, plaintiffs seek judgment on the Fourth Count of this complaint against all defendants, joint and severally:

- A) as previously requested in all previous counts of this complaint,
- B) For punitive damages,
- C) Compensatory damages,
- D) Consequential damages,
- E) costs,
- F) fees
- G) And such other relief in any court of competent jurisdiction may deem legal equitable and just.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demands a trial by jury as to all causes so triable.

THE IRWIN LAW FIRM, P.A.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Steven R. Irwin, Esq.

Dated: July 24, 2013

#### **DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL**

Plaintiffs hereby designate Steven R. Irwin as trial counsel.

THE IRWIN LAW FIRM, P.A.

Attorneys for Platfillffs

Steven R. Irwin, Esq.

Dated: July 24, 2013

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 4:5-1, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief at this time, the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any Court, nor of any pending arbitration proceeding; that no other action or arbitration is contemplated; and that there are no other parties who should be joined in this action.

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Date: July 24, 2013

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ACE American Insurance Company, John Does and Jane Does (fictitious appellations) Defendant(s).

From The State of New Jersey, To The Defendant(s) Named Above:

ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

The plaintiff, named above, has filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The complaint attached to this summons states the basis for this lawsuit. if you dispute this complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the deputy clerk of the Superior Court In the County listed above within 45 days from the date you received this summons, not counting the date you received it. (The address of each deputy clerk of the Superior Court is provided.) A \$1.35.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to plaintiff's attorney whose name and address appear above, or to plaintiff; if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and serve a written answer or motion (with fee and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion within 45 days, the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. if judgment is entered against you,

the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live, A list of these offices is provided, if you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. A list of these numbers is also provided.

DATED: August 7, 2013

Jennifer M. Perez Clerk of the Superior Court

Name of Defendant to be Served: ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY ATT: GENERAL/MANAGING AGENT Address of the Defendant to be Served: 436 WALNUT STREET PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106 Case 3:13-cv-05374-JAP-DEA Document 1-1 Filed 09/10/13 Page 12 of 12 Pagello: 18

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